

**BOARD OF CERTIFICATION FOR GEOLOGISTS AND SOIL SCIENTISTS
MEETING MINUTES**

Meeting Date: March 3, 2015
Meeting Location: Kennebec Room, State of Maine - Gardiner Annex, Northern Avenue,
Gardiner, Maine
Time Meeting Began: 9:00 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Robert Marvinney called the meeting to order.

The following members were present:

Robert Marvinney
David Rocque
Daniel Bernier
Ivan Fernandez
Johanna Szillery
Keith Taylor

The following members were absent:

Irwin Novak

Staff Present: Catherine Carroll, Board Administrator
Michelle Lovering, Board Clerk

AAG Present: Robert Perkins

ELECTION OF BOARD CHAIRPERSON AND OTHER OFFICERS

A motion was made to elect Robert Marvinney as Board chairperson.

Motion: Ivan Fernandez
Second: Daniel Bernier
Abstained: Robert Marvinney
Motion Carried.

The Board chose to not elect a complaint officer. The board would designate an suitable complaint officer at a time when a complaint is filed.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Keith Taylor was introduced as the newest member of the Board.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Action on Board Minutes of December 2, 2014

A motion was made to accept the December 2, 2014 minutes as written.

Motion: Daniel Bernier
Second: Ivan Fernandez
Unanimous

B. Request for Exemption from License Requirement – 32 M.R.S. §4906

The Board determined that the individual requesting exemption from the licensure requirement, 32 M.R.S. §4906 (1) does not qualify for an exemption. After thoroughly reviewing the information on file and comparing the subject matter covered by New Hampshire's soil scientist licensing exam and that covered by the Maine's soil scientist licensing exam it was determined that New Hampshire's and Maine's examinations are not equivalent.

A motion was made not to grant an exemption to practice in the State of Maine.

Motion: Ivan Fernandez
Second: Daniel Bernier
Unanimous

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Catherine Carroll reported on the following:

- A candidate taking the ASBOG examination on March 6, 2015.
- An online "first-time" license will soon be featured on the Department's website. She checked in with Board members on the value of first time applicants providing references, both professional and personal; a requirement that's in rule.
- The board has the statutory authority to create an inactive license category through Chapter 10 rule-making, however, the Department's Commissioner would have the rule require that a renewal fee apply while the license is inactive.
- An overview of the budget process for the new members.
- The Department's Conduct Guidelines for board members.

OTHER BUSINESS

The next scheduled meeting will be June 2, 2015.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Lovering
Board Clerk